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FORMATION OF CIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Now Frank Carlucci and I have felt the need to have a better means of obtaining an Agency-wide point of view on problems that come before us for decision. It is one thing to staff our paperwork so that all concerned components have an opportunity to comment. It is quite another to have a forum in which the participants are encouraged to take the viewpoint of what is best for the Agency as a whole, as well as expressing the outlook of their individual constitutencies. Accordingly, in order to help us bring together a better Agency focus on problems, (Continue with text of original paper--titled above)

INSERT B: In addition, there will be a small and permanent staff for the Executive Committee. It will be responsible
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for ensuring that all the Committee members have the appropriate materials for each meeting; that these materials are in the best form for making decisions; and particularly that all alternatives are available for consideration. (Continue with text of original paper--titled above)

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~~Frank Carlucci and I have recognized for some time the need to improve the way we sort out the many viewpoints we get on major Agency problems. To help us bring an Agency focus on these problems, I have established the CIA Executive Committee, which will replace the Executive Advisory Group (EAG). Although its role will not differ significantly from the EAG, the new title more accurately describes the Committee, which has been newly energized. The Committee will consist of the Deputy Director for Administration, the Deputy Director for Operations, the Deputy Director for Science and Technology, the Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment, the Comptroller, and the Director, Equal Employment Opportunity. I will chair the Committee; the DDCI will be Vice Chairman.~~ *Other senior officers will be asked to participate on subjects of particular concern to them.*

The Executive Committee will build on the experience of the EAG, but the emphasis will shift to Agency policy issues and important long range planning problems. My hope is that the Committee, which will meet weekly and have substantial full-time support, will provide us with an Agency perspective that has been lacking in several areas.

We are now looking at a long list of candidate agenda topics including substantive issues such as identifying and planning for the critical intelligence problems of the next five to ten years.

I believe the creation of the Executive Committee is an important move that will bring the members of our management team in closer touch on matters of importance to all of us. I will keep you informed of its progress.